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Oneshot

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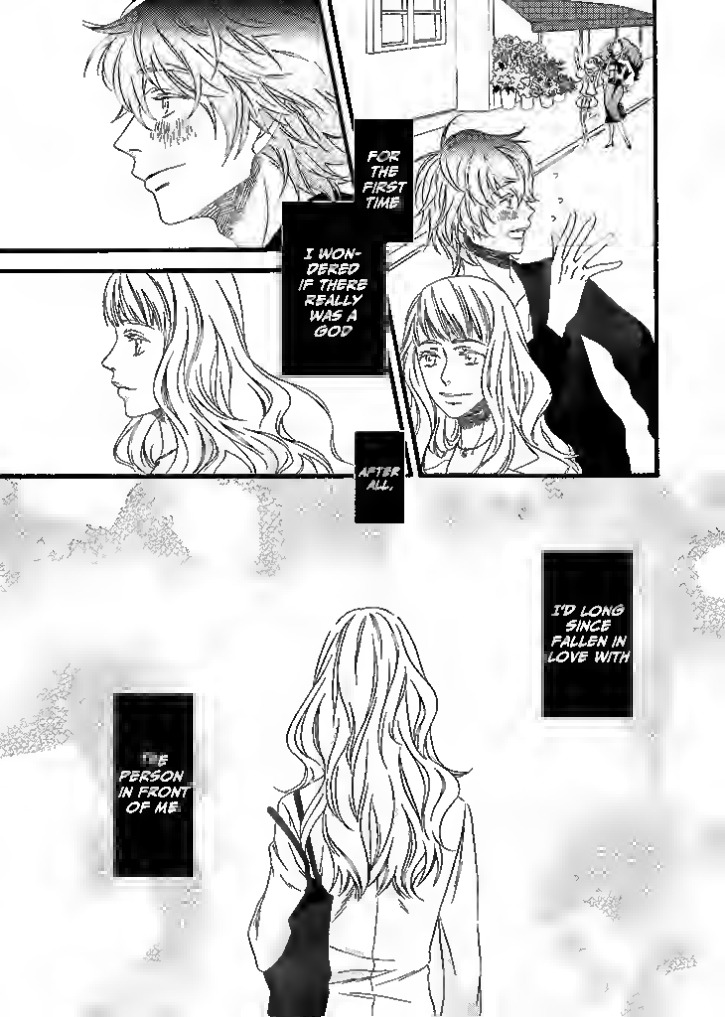
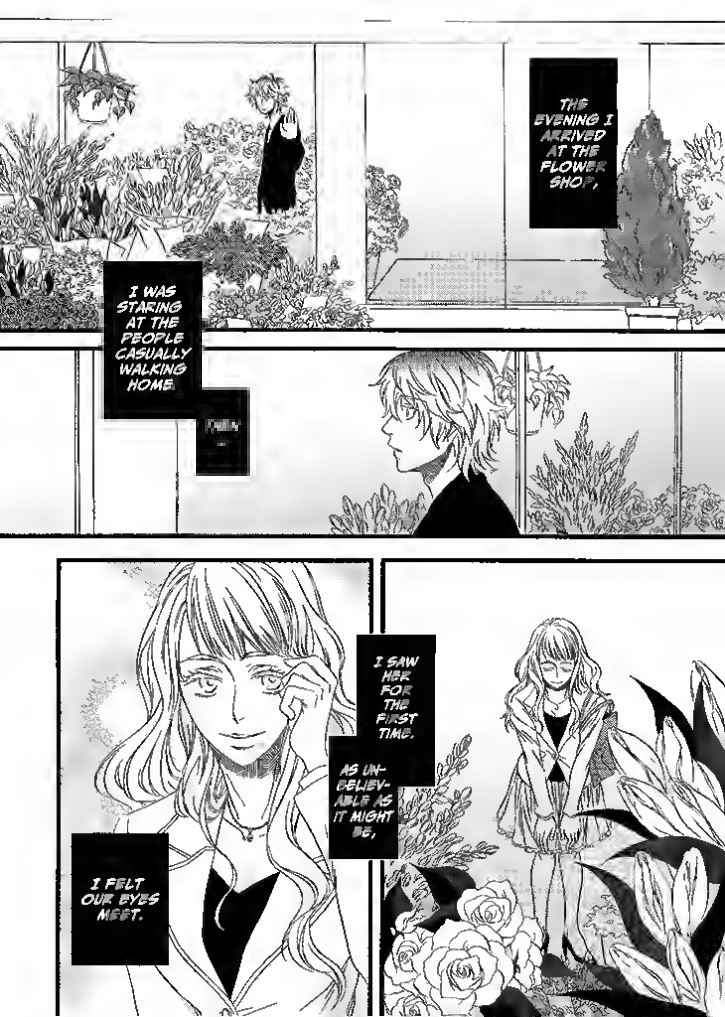
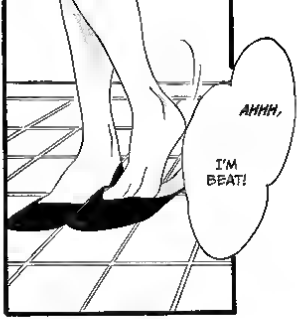
EXCUSE ME,
I'D LIKE THAT FLOWER, PLEASE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WILL YOU BE TAKING IT STRAIGHT HOME?
YES.

IS SHE...
WHAT?!
NO WAY?!
REALLY?
WAH...
YEAH..
THANKS
OOH, YOU'VE BEEN BOUGHT, ANEMONE ♡
I THOUGHT FOR SURE I'D BE GOING FIRST.
WOW, NICE, ANEMONE! YOU GOT A PRETTY ONE, TOO
HERE YOU GO, FRESHLY CUT. AREN'T THEY SUCH PRETTY BLOOMS?
YEAH
RED ROSE! LILY!


FOR THE FIRST TIME
I WONDERED IF THERE REALLY WAS A GOD
AFTER ALL,
I'D LONG SINCE FALLEN IN LOVE WITH
THE PERSON IN FRONT OF ME.


THIS EVENING I ARRIVED AT THE FLOWER SHOP,
I WAS STARING AT THE PEOPLE CASUALLY WALKING HOME.
I SAW HER FOR THE FIRST TIME.
AS UN-BELIEV-ABLE AS IT MIGHT BE,
I FELT OUR EYES MEET.

EVEN THOUGH I'M A FLOWER, AND SHE'S A HUMAN BEING


AHHH,
I'M BEAT!

AND I'M GOING TO BE LIVING HERE FROM TODAY.. I WONDER IF I CAN EVEN DEAL WITH THIS TENSION...?

SO MUCH I HAD TO DO TODAY, JUST LIKE ALWAYS!
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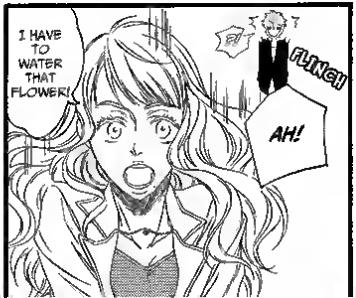
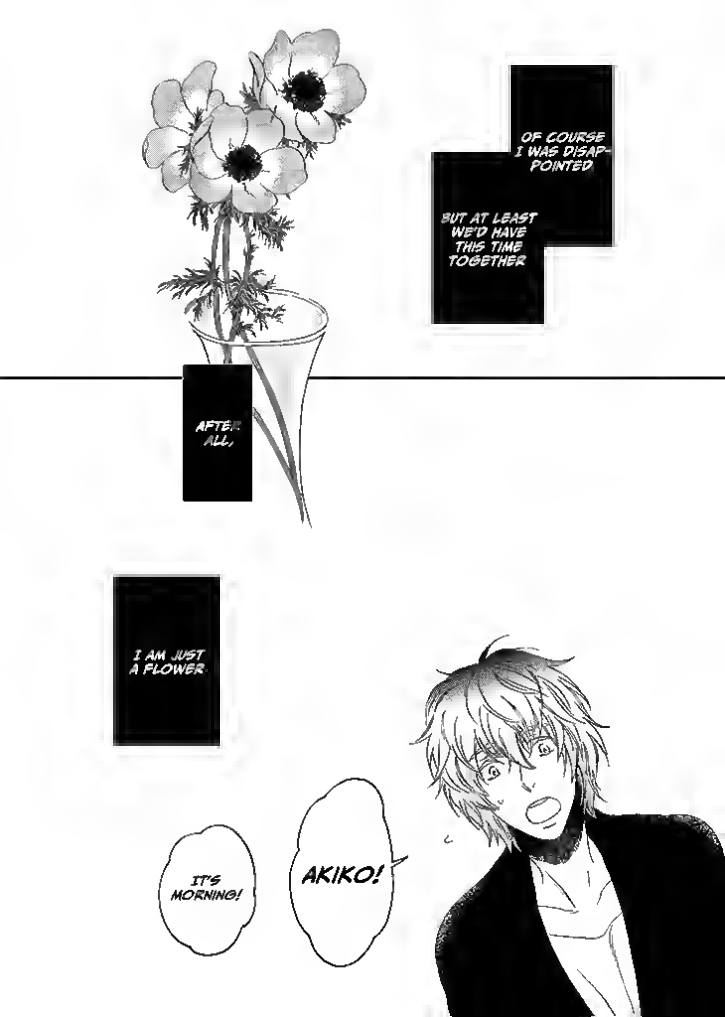
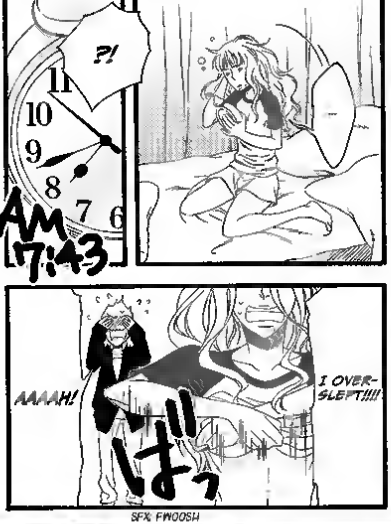

I HAVE TO WATER THAT FLOWER!
FLING!
AH!

HEHE.
BUYING A FLOWER LIKE THIS...
I GUESS I MUST REALLY HAVE REALLY BEEN TENSE...
BUT IT ALL TURNED OUT OKAY
DID SOME-THING GOOD HAPPEN...?
AFTER ALL, ON MY NEXT DAY OFF I GET TO MEET HIM AGAIN!
AND HE'S THE ONE WHO INVITED ME!

IT WAS A SUDDEN LOVE
BUT...
SHE LOOKS VERY HAPPY.
AH! Love already?!
SHOCK
LOOK AT ME, TALKING TO A FLOWER LIKE THIS
BUT I'VE HEARD THAT IF YOU TALK TO FLOWERS THEY BLOOM WELL
I LIVE ALONE AND DON'T HAVE ANY PETS, SO YOU CAN BE MY CONVERSATION PARTNER.
OKAY, LITTLE ANEMONE? ♡
YES...
I'D ALWAYS RESIGNED MYSELF TO SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENING.


OF COURSE I WAS DISAP-POINTED
BUT AT LEAST WE'D HAVE THIS TIME TOGETHER
AFTER ALL,
I AM JUST A FLOWER
IT'S MORNING!
AKIKO!


?!
AM 7:43
NNNG
AKIKOOOO!
AAAAH!
I OVER-SLEPT!!!!
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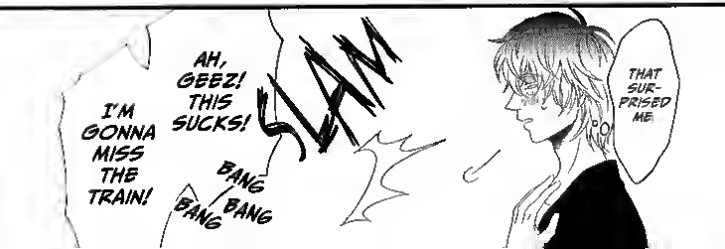
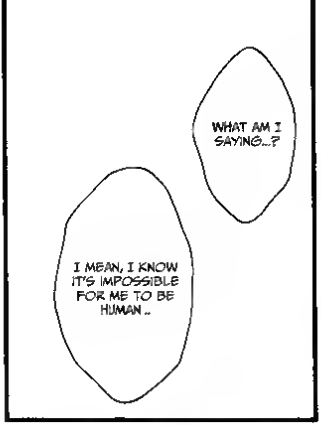
SFX: FWOOSH

OW!
GOTTA DO MY MAKEUP ...
WHAM
HAIR..
AUGH, I'LL JUST HAVE TO PUT IT UP!
CLATTER
CLATTER
THUD


I'M GONNA MISS THE TRAIN!
AH, GEEZ! THIS SUCKS!
SLAM
BANG
BANG
BANG
THAT SURPRISED ME.

I WONDER IF SHE'LL BE OKAY...
HAVE A SAFE TRIP!
UNTIL NOW, I'VE ALWAYS BEEN SURROUNDED BY THE OTHER FLOWERS
WE HAD PLENTY TO TALK ABOUT FROM MORNING UNTIL NIGHT
I WONDER WHAT EVERY-ONE'S UP TO...
NOW... I WONDER WHAT I'M GOING TO DO BY MYSELF UNTIL SHE GETS HOME
SPIN
IF I WERE A HUMAN...
I'D CLEAN THE PLACE UP A BIT, BUT..
SFX: DISASTE

TIME TO EAT!
BURNT
EXTREMELY BITTER
I DON'T KNOW HOW, BUT I GOT EVERYTHING MORE OR LESS DONE SOMEHOW!
WHAT! *MORE OR LESS*?!
GULUGU GULUGU
BUT WITH HOW MUCH YOU WORK, IT'S SO GREAT THAT YOU EVEN BOTHER COOKING!
CLICK
YOU'RE... REALLY BAD AT COOKING, AREN'T YOU?
AKIKO ...
IF I COULD, I'D MAKE ALL THE THINGS YOU LIKE
IT SURE WOULD BE NICE IF I COULD HAVE FOOD WAITING FOR YOU WHEN YOU GOT HOME
I CAN'T REALLY DO ANYTHING LIKE COOKING, BUT I WONDER IF I'D BE ANY GOOD AT IT?
WE COULD EAT IT TOGETHER AND EVEN SHARE A DRINK OF SAKE


WHAT AM I SAYING...?
I MEAN, I KNOW IT'S IMPOSSIBLE FOR ME TO BE HUMAN..

AND EVEN SAYING THINGS LIKE THIS...
IT'S NOT AS IF YOU CAN HEAR ME, AKIKO

ANEMONE

IF I
WERE HUMAN...

HUH?
SHE'S LOOKING AT ME?!
SHE SPOKE TO ME?!
WHAT?
WHAT?!

AHHHHH-HHHHHH-HHHHHH-HHHHH!
?
HMMMMM?
?!
ANEMONE
YOU NOT FEELING TOO WELL?

AH, THAT'S RIGHT
I HEARD SOMETHING GOOD RECENTLY
IF YOU PUT SUGAR CUBES IN A FLOWER'S WATER, IT'S SUPPOSED TO PERK UP
I'LL GO GET SOME NOW.
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT,
IT'S NO USE WAITING FOR A MIRACLE
I'M NOTHING BUT A FLOWER

NICE WEATHER!
HEY, AKIKO,
IF YOU DON'T HURRY YOU'LL BE LATE FOR YOUR DATE

OHHH!
YOU LOOK SO PRETTY!
I'M OFF!

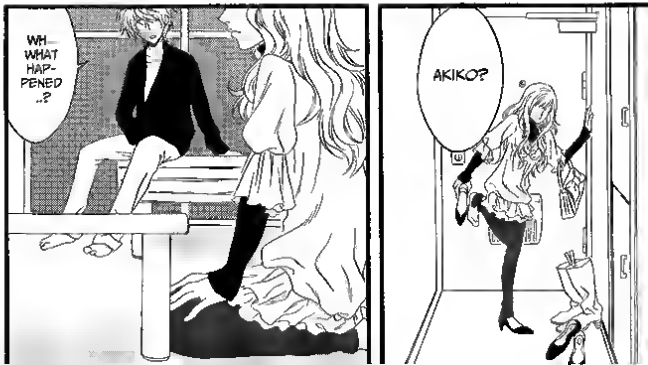
NOW THEN...
HMM
AKIKO'S OFF ON HER LONG-AWAITED DATE
I GUESS SHE WON'T BE BACK UNTIL LATE
I WONDER...
WHAT I'M GOING TO DO UNTIL THEN...?

I WON'T...
BE AROUND MUCH LONGER, HUH?
IT'S BEEN SEVEN DAYS SINCE I CAME TO AKIKO'S PLACE..
日 5 12 19 26
土 4 11 18 25
金 3 10 17 24
木 2 5 16 23 30
水 1 8 15 22 29
I'LL SPEND TODAY JUST WAITING
IT SORT OF FEELS LIKE IF I DO THAT, I WON'T DRY UP UNTIL AFTER I NORMALLY WOULD...
EVEN THOUGH I KNOW IT'S JUST A FEELING

I...
GUESS I'M ALREADY DRIED OUT.
I FELL IN LOVE, AND LIVED WITH THE PERSON I LIKED.
I EVEN GOT TO SEE THE START OF HER HAPPINESS

ISN'T THAT THE VERY DEFINITION
OF HAPPI-NESS, FOR A FLOWER?
HEH.
I GUESS AKIKO WON'T BE BACK ANY TIME SOON...

I'M...
STILL HERE...
IT REALLY IS TAKING LONGER THAN IT SHOULD
CLICK
SLAM

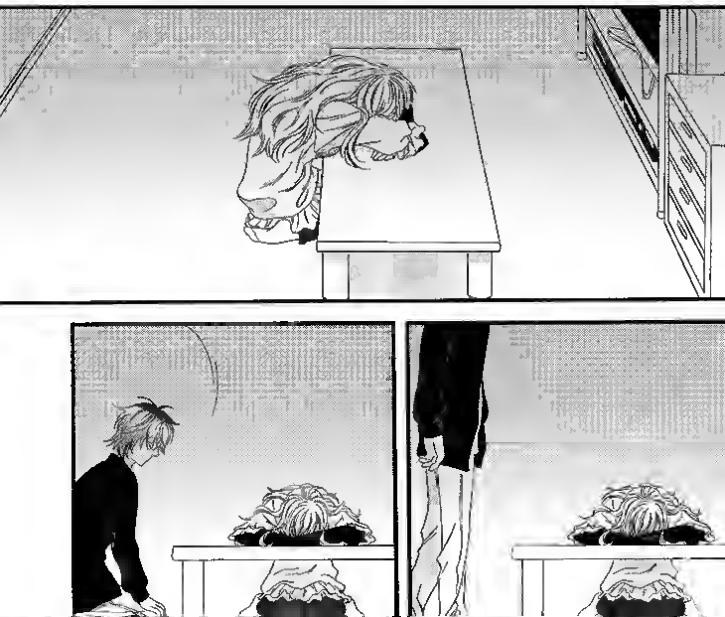

WH-WHAT HAP-PENED..?
AKIKO?

WHAT?!
WHAT...
WHAT THE HELL?
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT...
HE SAID HE'S FOUND SOMEBODY ELSE...
W...
WAA-AAA-AH!
WAAH...!

THAT'S...
WHAT...?
HOR-
RIBLE!
IF I WERE HUMAN, I DEFINITELY WOULDN'T MAKE YOU CRY!
I'D TRY TO MAKE YOU HAPPY!
IF IT WERE ME...
IF IT WERE ME, I WOULDN'T MAKE YOU CRY, AKIKO!

THIS IS AWFUL..
I WAS THINKING THAT SINCE..
SINCE YOU WERE HAPPY, AKIKO, IT DIDN'T MATTER IF I DRIED OUT COMPLETELY..
BUT... I...

I DON'T WANT TO DISAP-PEAR...!



HEY, AKIKO.

WOULDN'T . WOULDN'T IT BE GREAT IF I WERE REBORN AS A HUMAN ..?

THEN I COULD FIND YOU AGAIN.

AND, FALL FOR YOU AGAIN

I'LL BE SURE TO CONFESS MY FEELINGS TO YOU PROPERLY THEN

IT WAS NO GOOD THIS TIME, SINCE I'M A FLOWER.
BUT NEXT TIME, LET'S MEET AS HUMAN BEINGS, AND I'LL TELL YOU MY FEELINGS CLEARLY...
AND THEN, AKIKO,
YOU'LL KNOW ABOUT ME..
THIS .. WAS JUST A ONE-SIDED LOVE...
BUT, IF THAT COULD HAPPEN.
I'D BE SO—

HAPPY...

SIGH
UGH, WHAT A FACE...

ぱんっ
SFX: SLAP
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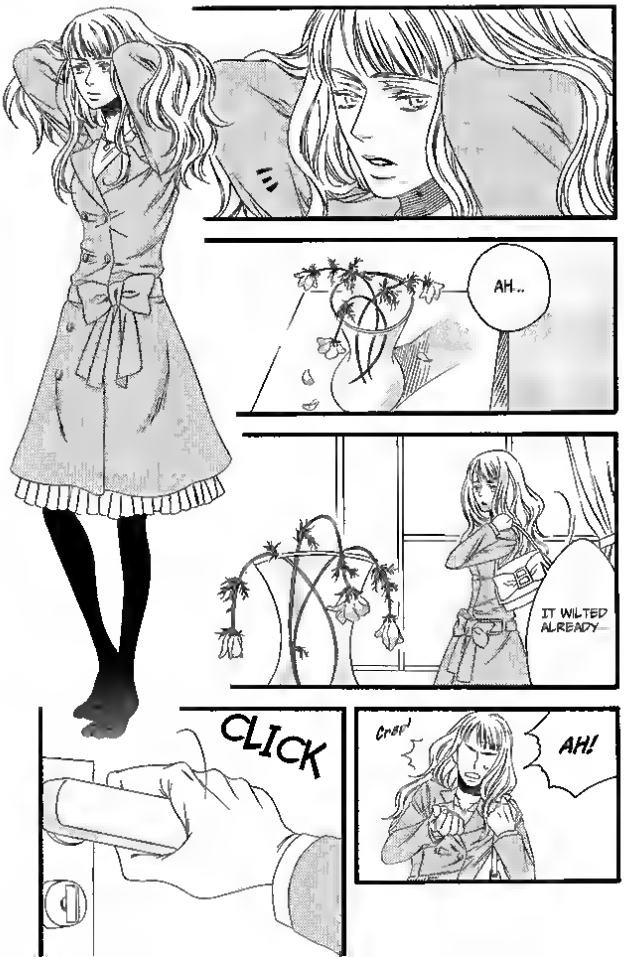
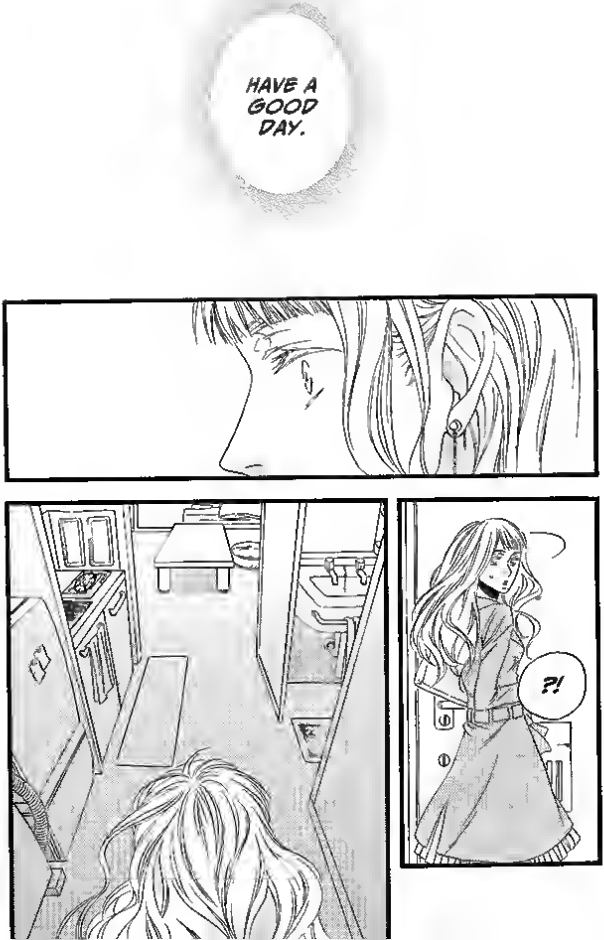
SFX: GRAB
UGH...
STARE
I'M NOT GONNA QUIT TRYING
OVER ONE LITTLE BROKEN HEART!
SFX: FNIF


AH..
IT WILTED ALREADY...
CLICK
Crash!
AH!


HAVE A GOOD DAY.
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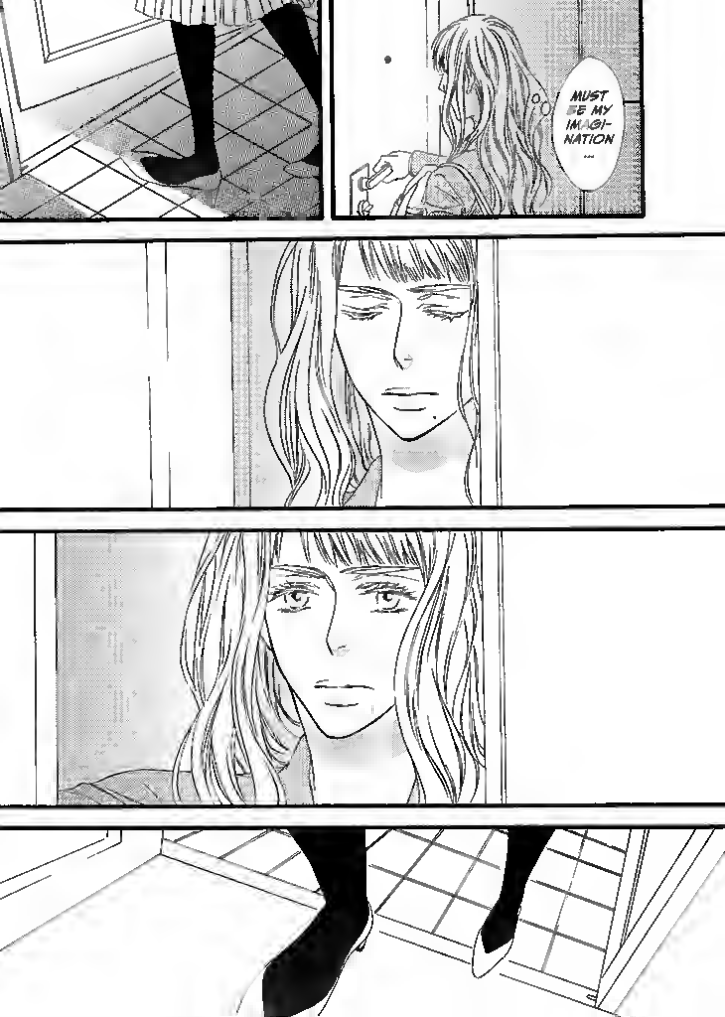
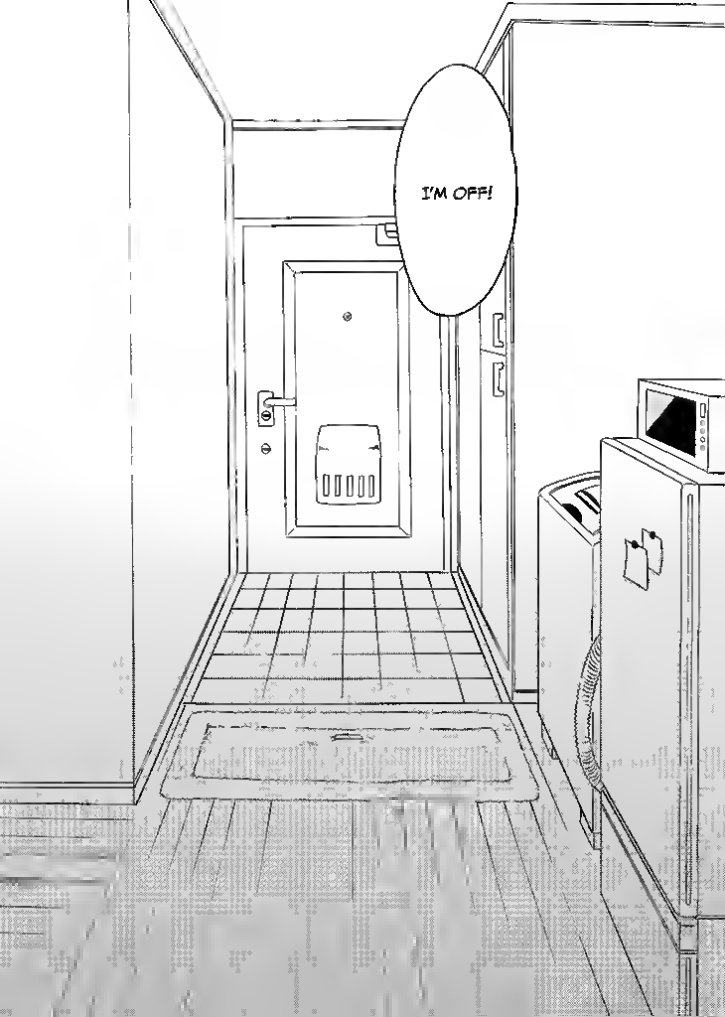

MUST BE MY IMAGI-NATION ...


I'M OFF!